

The Miner.

T. J. Butler, Editor.

All accounts for advertising and subscription which became due on or before the first day of February, and all bills for legal advertisements which appeared in the Miner prior to that date are payable to John H. Marion. All accounts accruing since that date are payable to T. J. Butler, the present proprietor.

SALUTATORY.

As the patrons of the ARIZONA MINER are aware, from the valedictory address of John H. Marion in last week's issue, I have purchased the paper, together with the office, material, property upon which it is situated, good will, etc. I have taken possession of the premises, and with this number enter upon the duties of editor and proprietor.

Custom indicates, and a decent respect for those upon whom we are dependent for support, requires, perhaps, that I should make manifest some of the rules that are to govern the conduct of the paper under my management. This will be found, in the changeable condition of everything pertaining to Arizona, a difficult thing to do. Suffice it, then, to say that the MINER will continue to be in the future, as in the past, free and independent, and will endeavor to say and do anything and everything proper to be said and done, without fear or compulsion, maintaining, however, under all circumstances, a due regard for the rights and feelings of others; and will labor assiduously for every interest that its proprietor conceives to be for the benefit of Arizona and those who have sought a home within her borders.

The policy of the paper will be to build up, and not pull down, any and every institution, whether mercantile, mechanical, scientific, social, political, military, civil, literary, moral or religious, whether composed of private individuals, as such, or in the character of a corporation having for his, her or its object the introduction of capital for the development of the resources of the country or the amelioration of the condition of her people.

The incentives to this course are partly a desire to render obedience to the dictates of common humanity, but chiefly the fact that whatever benefits the people of Arizona will redound in some degree to the advantage of the MINER.

T. J. BUTLER.

GENERAL CROOK.

We trust we shall not be accused of being a man-worshiper if we express a small portion of the admiration we have for the person whose name heads this paragraph. Three times it has been our fortune to occupy places made safe from Indian depredations by his consummate skill and management where other Commanders had failed—once in northern California, once in Idaho, and now in Arizona. In the two former we were among the sufferers from their thieving incursions, besides seeing our friends killed and mangled by dozens. Under such circumstances we feel constrained by a grateful sense of present security as well as past immunity to offer our feeble word of praise to the chief actor in reducing the wild tribes of this coast from a state of savage barbarity and blood-thirsty atrocity to one of comparative harmlessness. Add to all this the many acts of proffered kindness he has extended to us since our arrival here at his headquarters, and we feel that we should be excused if we become somewhat enthusiastic.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.—We are under special obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Judge Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Beach, of Kirkland Valley, for civilities shown us. We were a stranger,—"The storm cloud lowered,"—"The gloomy night was gathering fast" and they took us in. This has reference to our advent into the country, two months ago, when we sought the friendly shelter of their roof, to avoid riding over the divide, one terribly cold, stormy night, on the buckboard. Since then we have returned and passed a week very pleasantly in the enjoyment of their hospitality. Such kindness we appreciate and will try to reciprocate.

The dispatches of the 3d announce the passage through the House, in Congress, of an appropriation of \$15,000 for the construction of military roads in Arizona. Part of this to be expended between Fort Whipple and Skull Valley, where a more direct road is much needed. Mr. McCormick has an intelligent appreciation of the wants of his constituents in this matter and deserves their gratitude for his efforts in their behalf.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Already letters are beginning to pour in upon us asking what kind of a country Arizona is, whether the Indians are bad, the climate healthy, grass good, water plenty, mines productive, and how we are provided with schools, churches etc. To all such, we answer: "Take the WEEKLY MINER and pay for it, and you will learn all about it."

From a gentleman who drove in from Downey City this morning, says the Los Angeles Express of January 21st, we learn that at a point about five miles from here he saw several hundred dead horses. Their carcasses were lying in every direction, and they had evidently perished during the storm. They are supposed to belong to the bands of Mrs. Stearns.

BILL SIMMONS, of Williamson Valley, represents hunting good in his neighborhood. Bill knows what game is and what constitutes good hunting. The school in which he learned extends from Cariboo to Mexico. We have a lively recollection of some of his operations on the Pens d'Oreille, Missoula, Hell-Gate and Deer Lodge, in 1865.

C. W. C. ROWELL of Yuma has gone to Panamint, on a visit.

PRESCOTT

THE CAPITAL OF ARIZONA

PEOPLE JUBILANT.

Everybody Happy.

HURRAH! HURRAH! HIC-RAY!

Just as we go to press comes the welcome news that the House has passed the Bill to remove the Capitol from Tucson to Prescott.

We have no press reports from Tucson, and therefore have to rely on private telegrams. One dispatch to L. Bashford & Co., J. G. Campbell, W. M. Buffum, C. P. Head & Co., C. A. Luke and others, reads:

"Prescott has secured the Capitol."
[Signed] YAVAPAI DELEGATION.

Another:
"Yavapai all drunk." PEN.

Still later:
"Heap drunker." PEN.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Special to the Miner by U. S. Military and W. U. Lines.)

Washington, February 3d.
The report of the House Committee on Commerce contains items of appropriations for the Pacific coast rivers and harbors, as follows: For the improvement of Oakland harbor, \$100,000; for the protection of San Diego harbor, by turning the San Diego river into False Bay, \$80,000; for the improvement of navigation in the Sacramento river, \$25,000.

San Francisco, February, 3d.
Mining stocks were powerfully weak today. The tumble is simply terrific: Belcher, 42; Virginia, 36; California, (new shares), 46; Crown Point, 31; Mexican, 28; Ophir, 86; Savage, 100; Yellow Jacket, 77.

Washington, February 3d.
An appropriation of \$15,000 was passed by the House yesterday for the construction of military roads in Arizona. The bill introduced by Delegate McCormick asked for an appropriation of \$30,000, but the Committee cut down the amount one-half. The roads to be constructed are, from Fort Whipple to Camp McDowell with a branch to Camp Verde. Another, from Fort Whipple to Skull Valley direct. The road from old Camp Apache will be repaired when needed.

Nashville, January 27th.
Andrew Johnson is elected U. S. Senator. Providence, January 27th.
Burnside is elected U. S. Senator.

We have received from Sherman & Hyde, San Francisco, a copy of their Musical Review for January. "Daisy and I,"—words and music, by Ford, and several instrumental pieces grace its pages. A funny article from that funny man of the Bohemian Club—Geo. F. Bromley—is among the reading matter.

The floods in some parts of California have been terrific, in some places doing great damage to railroads and other property, but at last advices had subsided. We have not space to give particulars to day.

We had an enormous mail from California yesterday, but our columns were already so much crowded that we were unable to avail ourselves of any news items from the papers.

H. H. JAYCOX writes from Union, Oregon, and wants to be remembered to his old friends, through the MINER. He thinks of coming back, and may bring others with him.

The thermometer, at Omaha, the 15th of January, ranged from 14 to 22 degrees below zero; 35 below at Fort Laramie, 44 at Virginia City and 56 at Silver Bow, M. T.

The County Treasurer's office has been removed from this office and is now located next door to the Recorder's office, in the new county building.

J. T. GOODMAN, late proprietor of the Virginia Enterprise, is reported to have made \$1,000,000 in stock operations during the past six weeks.

THE Nevada Legislature has passed a stringent bill against three-card monte, and the Assembly another to suppress quackery.

A PRIVATE letter from Judge C. C. Bush, of Reading, Cal., represents the season very promising for crops and grazing in California.

LETTER from Ben's Station, on the Gila, says travel is increasing. Game, geese, ducks etc. very abundant.

WATER was twenty-one feet five inches high at Sacramento on January 22d.

CEDAR DISTRICT.

BUEL'S OPERATIONS ON THE MCCRACKEN MINE, AND STEIN'S AT THE GREENWOOD MINE, KEPT SOME AMICABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH RIVAL CLAIMANTS. MR. McNEVIN, OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CO., ABOUT TO OPEN THEIR MINE ON THE MCCRACKEN LODGE. GOOD MARKET FOR YAVAPAI PRODUCE, ETC.

Messrs. Reynolds and Hubbard, who are operating in Cedar District, came to Prescott last week and remained several days. Mr. E. W. Reynolds, who resides in Oakland, Cal., is connected with Buel, Bateman, McNevin and others, on the McCracken lodge, and Mr. Hubbard is an old resident of the Territory and was formerly Superintendent of the Planet mine.

From Mr. Reynolds we elicit the following facts:

Nearly all the work now being done in Mohave county is upon the Greenwood mine, superintended by Robert Stein, Esq., on the various locations of the McCracken lodge, and two or three mines in Mineral Park, chief among which is the Keystone, of which Mr. Stein is also superintendent. On the Keystone there will shortly be erected a 5-stamp mill, which should now be at Hardyville. At the Greenwood, Stein is progressing rapidly with the erection of the Moss mill, which he removed from Hardyville. The mill site is some 6 miles from the mine, and a good road is now being graded for hauling the ore etc. down from the mine. The mine itself is in all probability one of the finest prospects ever discovered, being naturally developed. Situated on one side of a narrow wash, at some time a waterpout passed over the ledge, completely stripping it for a distance of some 300 feet, leaving it like an inclined wall of some 50 or 60 feet in height. On the top the ledge measures some 4 feet in thickness. The ore is free and, judging from the work done by Messrs. Pierce and Jaycox, the former owners, who arraigned some tons, will work something over \$65. All who have seen it pronounce the same verdict of a very rich mine.

But the principal lode of the country and the one which promises to rival the Comstock, if it should present, on sinking, the same indications and general character now observable on the surface, is the McCracken lode. The ledge is traceable for some 9,000, or 10,000 feet, and, for some 7,500 feet of that distance, stands up like a wall, being on an average some 12 feet high by probably the same thickness. At one point, on the location owned by a San Francisco company, the ledge was cut across immediately under the grass-roots, revealing the fact that a pay streak there existed over ten feet in width, and that the ore would average probably \$150 per ton, which average is decidedly, from all indications, under the mark, as there is one stratum of ore, probably 18 inches thick, which is nothing less than a mass of black chloride, carrying green horn-silver in and through every portion and in great profusion. An assay made of this, gave something over \$2,700 per ton. Other strata vary in width and richness, but in assuming that none will work less than \$75, we are decidedly under the mark. As yet but little more has been done than establishing the fact of its being nearly all mineral bearing, as water has been scarce, indeed, the only supply being at Cummings' Springs, distant some 7 or 8 miles, from which place it is packed to the mine. But the persistent energy and general character of Col. D. E. Buel, who is working a portion of the lode, are sufficient guarantees that the development of the property will not be long retarded.

We also understand that Mr. Stein has bought an interest, of 1,500 feet, belonging to Mr. Chenoweth, and, if not retarded by inclement weather, will soon have men at work on his location.

The San Francisco Company, represented by Mr. H. P. McNevin, will also soon begin work in earnest, and then we may look for lively times in the Southern part of Mohave county. Some 8 miles south of the last location the ledge crops out again, and more boldly, if anything, than at McCracken's, and the fortunate parties who discovered it, amongst whom is Mr. Potts, of Corey & Potts, Cerbat, are jubilant, as well they may be.

To make a final resume in one word, we can say that at last work is being done, and that after many weary years of waiting and hope deferred, Mohave county is "coming out."

McCracken and "Chloride" Jack, owners, discovered the ledge last August, and, after locating two 1500-foot claims for themselves, located for two friends of theirs, one of whom is known to have preferred the request that, if anything was found, McCracken should locate for him. When Mac and "Chloride" Jack went up to record their locations, they also recorded those of these two others—Foley and McKenzie. Then Mac bought of these two their interests, in both cases, a valuable consideration having passed. So that before any portion was sold, the discoverers owned a clear 600 feet. Col. Buel went down in November to look at the property, and in December bonded their interests, under certain conditions; part of which conditions have been, and the remainder will be fulfilled. But, some doubt existing in the minds of many as to his (McCracken's) title, after considerable talking, the Northern portion was "jumped." The "jumpers" held peaceable possession for a time, and at this date have left, after having done their assessment work, leaving the question for the Courts to decide. Another party has jumped another portion now held by Col. Buel, and, we suppose, will do the same as the first party. And rumors were rife as to other portions being also jumpable or jumped. However the case may be, there seems to be little doubt in the minds of well informed men, that McCracken took every possible precaution, and that his title is good. Men are flocking in every day, some in search of work, and others prospectors look-

ing around. Food is or will be scarce. Anything that the farmers of Yavapai could take in would be eagerly purchased, and cash paid. Fodder is also becoming small by degrees and beautifully less, and probably 6 or 8 cents per pound would be paid for corn. The road there is the Mohave road as far as the Tanks, and thence down the valley of the Sandy to Greenwood, from which place it is but 12 miles to the McCracken.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

The Yuma Sentinel makes the following sensible remarks:

The grand question to be considered is, can flowing water be obtained from artesian wells in Arizona? We answer that there can be no doubt of it. The peculiar formation of the country eminently favors it. All these vast plains are backed by lofty mountains which contain the reservoirs which have subterranean veins running in all directions. When these veins are tapped by the artesian auger the water necessarily rises, by that well known law of nature which causes it to seek its level, and the flowing well is complete. We have only to look at the southern counties of California to see the value of these wells. There, immense tracts of land that had lain worthless and unproductive ever since the foundation of the world, have been rendered immensely valuable, producing all that the earth is capable of yielding, in the greatest profusion, making wealth and beauty where before was only poverty and gloom. And we have every facility for obtaining flowing wells in Arizona that they have in California. In fact we have higher and heavier chains of mountains backing our plains than they have. What wealth is in store for the man who obtains a flowing well on one of our rich but now unproductive plains! We are glad to see our excellent Governor, in his message to the legislature now sitting, strongly recommends that a reward of \$5,000 be given for the first flowing water obtained by means of artesian well within the Territory. We have no doubt that the legislature will pass an act in accordance with the Governor's recommendation.

Here then will be an incentive to some man to try the experiment, and if successful, hundreds of others will follow, and our now arid and unproductive plains will soon teem with all the comforts and luxuries of civilized life, and "the desert be made to blossom like the rose."

THE EVENT OF THE NEW YEAR.—The holidays are ended, and the serious work of the new year begins. The first important event before us is the last drawing of the Library Gift Concerts, which takes place in Louisville, Ky., February 27th. This drawing will as certainly take place on that date as the day arrives, and to guarantee this Gov. Bramlette offers to return their money to ticket-holders if the drawing is not had at the time appointed. What more could be asked? All that is needed is to buy your tickets in time, and you may count on having your prizes on the 27th day of next February.

MAYOR HENRY DURANT, of Oakland, Cal., President of the State University, died suddenly January 22d.

A FUNNY MAN of an otherwise dry exchange submits the pronunciation of "Erastus Richardson" as being a test of whether a man is drunk or not. "Rassus Risson," he says, won't do.

REPROOF is a medicine like mercury or opium, if it be improperly administered it will do more harm than good.—[Horace Mann.]

He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend must have a very long head or a very short creed.—[Colton.]

BORN.

In China Valley, February 2d, to the wife of Samuel Rye, a son.
In Miller Valley, near Prescott, January 29th, to the wife of Thomas Saunders, a son.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SAN BERNARDINO.

THROUGH IN ELEVEN DAYS.

NO NIGHT TRAVEL.

JIM BONES' COMFORTABLE AND easy-running Passenger Coach will start from the store of John G. Campbell, in Prescott, for San Bernardino, Cal., on or about

Wednesday, February 10th,

Going by way of the Mining Towns of Mohave County, Arizona, and San Bernardino County, California.

Fare, ————— \$40 00.

Packages, per pound, ——— 20.

Each passenger can take fifty pounds of baggage. The Coach stops at a good station every night.

JIM BONES, Proprietor.

W. N. KELLY. V. A. STEPHENS.

KELLY & STEPHENS,

NEWS AGENTS

And Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Tobacco, Cigars, Confectionery

STATIONERY,

Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions,

Fixed Ammunition,

Guns, Pistols, Cutlery,

Hosiery, Buck Gloves,

Figs, Dates and Nuts,

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Just received, an assortment of FRESH GARDEN SEEDS, superior to any ever before offered in this market. North side of Plaza, Prescott, Arizona.

G. W. CHESLEY & CO.,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in

FINE WINES AND LIQUORS

And Proprietors of the Celebrated

Cundurango Bitters,

No. 414 Front street, San Francisco.

PRINTED BLANKS

Location of Mining Claims, FOR SALE AT THE MINER OFFICE.

No Prospector or Miner should go into the country without a supply of these very handy and correct, ready-made notices.

\$5 to \$20 per day at home. Terms free. Address G. STEPHEN & CO. Portland, Maine, Ky.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LUMBER! LUMBER!!

Clipper Saw-Mill.

This first-class mill, situated on the Hassayampa, seven miles south of Prescott, and in the finest body of timber in Yavapai county, is now cutting

First-Class Lumber

And of any size ordered. The mill has superior facilities for supplying

Heavy Timbers for all Milling Purposes.

Merchandise Lumber, per thousand, \$35.

Flooring, per thousand, 40.

Siding and Clear, per thousand, 50.

Second quality, per thousand, 30.

Terms, Cash on Delivery.

All orders by mail addressed to the undersigned will receive prompt attention and satisfaction guaranteed.

H. OTT, Agent.

Prescott, A. T., February 1, 1875.

LICENSE TAXES.

The attention of all persons liable to pay License Taxes in Yavapai County is called to sections 10 and 15 of chapter 49, Compiled Laws of Arizona, relating to License Tax, as follows:

Section 10. All moneys for licenses under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid to the Sheriff of the county in which said business is intended to be carried on or the business office is located before any person shall commence to do any such business as is mentioned in the preceding nine chapters.

Sec. 15. Whenever any person shall violate the provisions of this Act for the space of five days by trading without a license it shall be lawful for the Sheriff to seize any property, real or personal, belonging to such person or trader, and sell the same, after two days' notice by posting in three public places within the county, and the Sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees in such cases as for sale on execution issued out of the District Court; and out of the moneys arising from such sale he shall pay the amount due for license to the County Treasurer, and, after deducting the amount of his fees, shall return the balance remaining to the person or trader doing business as aforesaid, together with a license for one quarter.

Notice is hereby given that all such licenses, whenever due, are payable at the office of the Sheriff, at the Court House, in Prescott, and that the provisions of this Act will in the future be strictly enforced.

ED. F. BOWERS,

Sheriff Yavapai County.

Sec. 41.

Administrator's Sale.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Johnson, Deceased.

COUNTY OF YAVAPAI, }
Territory of Arizona. }

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the Probate Court of the County of Yavapai, Territory of Arizona, made on the 30th day of January, 1875, in the matter of the estate of Thomas J. Johnson, deceased, the undersigned Administrator of said estate will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, subject to confirmation by said Probate Court on MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Peoples' Valley, all the title, title, interest and estate of the said intestate at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that said estate has by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of the said intestate at the time of his death, or in and to that certain piece of parcel, tract of land lying and being in the county of Yavapai, and described as follows, to wit:

One ranch of 100 acres, with improvements, Peoples' Valley, Yavapai county, A. T.

Also, other property.

R. E. ELLIOTT, Administrator.

Prescott, January 30, 1875.

Lone Star Mining Company.—Location

of principal place of business and works, Mineral Park, Mohave county, Arizona Territory. Notice.—There are delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of assessment No. 10, levied October 16, 1874, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

Name. No. Certificate. No. Shares. Amt.

John R. Hite..... 67, 68, 69, 70 250 50 00

John R. Hite..... 71 100 20 00

John R. Hite..... 72 100 20 00

John R. Hite..... 73 100 20 00

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